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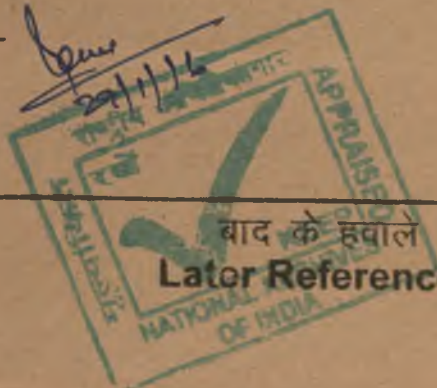
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May kindly see the letter of Shri Russi Mody, Chairman, TISCO dated 28th June, 1991 (Flag 'A'), addressed to the Prime Minister, regarding award of "Bharat Ratna" to Shri J.R.D. Tata. The Prime Minister has directed that this may be examined.

2. Shri J.R.D. Tata was awarded "Padma Vibhushan" in the year 1955 in the field of "Trade and Industry".

3. "Bharat Ratna" is awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science and in recognition of public service of the highest order. The Statutes and Rules relating to the award of "Bharat Ratna" can be seen at (Flag 'B').

4. So far, 26 persons have been awarded "Bharat Ratna":-

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year in which awarded</u>
1.	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	1954
2.	Shri C. Rajagopalachari	1954
3.	Dr. C.V. Raman	1954
4.	Dr. Bhagwan Das	1955
5.	Dr. M. Vivesvaraya	1955
6.	Shri Jawaharlal Nehru	1955
7.	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant	1957
8.	Dr. Dhonde Keshav karve	1958
9.	Dr. B.C. Roy	1961
10.	Shri Purushottam Das Tandon	1961
11.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	1962
12.	Dr. Zakir Hussain	1963
13.	Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane	1963
14.	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	1966
15.	Shrimati Indira Gandhi	1971
16.	Shri V.V. Giri	1975
17.	Shri K. Kamraj	1976
18.	Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu	1980
19.	Acharya Vinoba Bhave	1983
20.	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	1987
21.	Shri Marudur Gopalan Ramachandran	1988
22.	Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar	1990
23.	Dr. Nelson Mandela	1990
24.	Shri Morarji R. Desai	1990
25.	Shri Rajiv Gandhi	1991
26.	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel	1991

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5. No doubt, Shri J.R.D. Tata has made significant contribution to Indian Industry and Corporate Management, however, his achievements do not fall within the requirements needed for the award of "Bharat Ratna". I do not think that the case of Shri J.R.D. Tata is fit for being considered for the award of the highest civilian honour of the country i.e., "Bharat Ratna".

6. However, the decision for the award of "Bharat Ratna" is taken only by the Prime Minister and, therefore, he may like to take a view in this matter.

Submitted for orders of PM.

Prabhat

(Prabhat C. Chaturvedi)
4.7.1991

JS(M)

Pri. Secy.

I do not think the question of being "fit" is involved here. He may not consider the Award.
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May kindly see the U.O. of Ministry of Home Affairs (Flag 'A') below regarding conferment of "Bharat Ratna" on Late S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. Shri Pramod Mahajan, M.P. in his Special Mention on 7th August, 91 in Rajaya Sabha raised the issue regarding conferment of "Bharat Ratna" on Late S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra Bose in the background of the fact that Golden Jubilee of quit India movement was being celebrated this year.

3. Ministry of Home Affairs has to send a suitable reply to Shri Mahajan in this regard and have sought the advise of P.M.O.

4. "Bharat Ratna" is awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science and in recognition of public service of the highest order. The statutes and Rules relating to the award of "Bharat Ratna" can be seen at flag 'B' ✓

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5. The decision about conferment of 'Bharat Ratna' is taken by the Prime Minister at his level and his recommendations are sent to the President for approval.

6. So far, the following 26 persons have been awarded 'Bharat Ratna' :-

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year in which awarded</u>
1.	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	1954
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10.	Shri Purushottam Das Tandon	1961
11.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	1962
12.	Dr. Zakir Hussain	1963
13.	Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane	1963
14.	Shri Lal Bahadur Shatri	1966

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15.	Shrimati Indira Gandhi	1971
16.	Shri V.V. Giri	1975
17.	Shri K. Kamraj	1976
18.	Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu	1980
19.	Acharya Vinoba Bhave (Posthumous)	1983
20.	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	1987
21.	Shri Marudur Gopalan Ramachandran (Posthumous)	1988
22.	Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (Posthumous)	1990
23.	Dr. Nelson Mandela	1990
24.	Shri Morarji R. Desai	1990
25.	Shri Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	1991
26.	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel (Posthumous)	1991

7. Request for conferment of "Bharat Ratna" on Late S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra Bose posthumously, has been received time and again. However, these requests have not been ~~exceeded~~ to earlier perhaps because many such requests are likely to be made for conferring such an award of many other eminent Indian posthumously. As a matter of fact there would be galaxy of such Indians on whose behalf such claims could be agitated.

8. However, since a reply has to be sent to Shri Pramod Mahajan, Prime Minister may like to take a view in this matter.

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(Prabhat C. Chaturvedi)
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Pr. Secy.

Anwar
27/9/91

P.M.

He may agree. ~~But~~ At the same time, we must have a clear cut policy in this behalf. Pl examine.

P.V. Narayan
29/9

Premprakash

Please discuss.

Anwar
1/10/91

JS(N)

This was discussed.

Dir(P)

Pl put up draft from PM to the President.
Subsequent action for framing guidelines will have to be taken.

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Section Officer
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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

President has informed the Prime Minister that he has accepted the recommendations made for conferring the Bharat Ratna Award on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subash Chandra Bose posthumously. He has suggested that details may be settled by the concerned officers.

Ramu Damodaran
(Ramu Damodaran)
PS to PM
31.10.1991

Principal Secretary

Anwar
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31/10/91

J.S.(N)

J.P.

I have spoken to Shri A.K. Upadhyaya Director President's Secretariat to get the press release issued from the Rashtrapati Bhawan. Thereafter M.H.A will be asked to take further necessary action.

Pol V
31/10/91

Prathal
1/11/91

Discussed with J.S.(N) today. J.S.(N) directed that M.H.A may also be informed about this and asked to take further action as per procedure and conventions. U.O be issued

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May kindly see the orders of the Prime Minister on page 2/N below.

2. Accordingly, two separate draft letters from the side of PM to the President, recommending award of Bharat Ratna, posthumously, to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, are put up for approval.

3. Action for framing guidelines/policy is being taken separately.

Prabhat

[Prabhat C Chaturvedi]
1-10-91

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(Public Section)

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The president of India has approved the name of Shri Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister of India for the decoration of Bharat Ratna. In order to ascertain the willingness of Shri Desai to receive the decoration, the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra was requested to consult Shri Desai personally, informally and confidentially in this regard. In the absence of the Chief Secretary, the Additional Chief Secretary and the Secretary, protocol consulted Shri Desai at his residence. It has been confirmed that Shri Desai has conveyed his willingness to have the decoration of Bharat Ratna. However, Shri Desai has desired to receive the decoration at his residence in Bombay since he will not be able to travel to Delhi due to health reasons.

2. The Bharat Ratna decoration is usually bestowed upon the recipient by the President of India in an investiture ceremony held in Delhi. But in certain special circumstances the investiture ceremony can be held at the Rashtrapati Nilayam in Secunderabad with the consent of the president. Since the wishes of Shri Desai to receive the decoration at his residence in Bombay may warrant a departure from the usual practice, it may be desirable to seek the consent of the president in this regard.

3. In view of the above position, we may request the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister to ascertain from the Secretary to the President the possibility of presentation of Bharat Ratna to Shri Desai at his residence before a formal announcement of his name for the said decoration is made tonight.

Submitted please.

(K.N. SINGH)
Under Secretary

JS(A)

A K Narayanan
29/1/91

P.M.O.
C Shri N K Sinha,
Joint Secy,

Prime Minister's Office

The President has agreed to present the award to Shri Morarji Desai in Bombay.

(N. K. Sinha)
Joint Secretary to PM
28.1.91

MHA(Joint Secretary Shri A.K. Narayanan)

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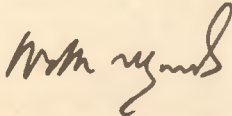
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*Rashtrapati Bhavan
 New Delhi*


March 15, 1991.

Dear Shri Mishra,

I enclose a copy of my letter to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, on the subject of Bharat Ratna presentation to Shri Morarji Desai. You may wish to apprise the Prime Minister suitably.



Yours sincerely,


 Gopal Krishna Gandhi

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Shri S.K. Mishra,
 Principal Secretary
 to the Prime Minister,
 South Block,
 New Delhi.

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Joint Secretary to the President of India

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राष्ट्रपति भवन
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①A
*Rashtrapati Bhavan
New Delhi*

March 15, 1991.

Dear Shri Narayanan,

This refers to your letter No.1/11/91-Public dated March 13, 1991 addressed to the Secretary to the President.

I have been asked to request you to contact the Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra and suggest that the following be conveyed to Shri Morarji Desai:

"When the Bharat Ratna was awarded to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the elder statesman was in hospital. The Bharat Ratna was, therefore, received on his behalf by his son Khan Abdul Wali Khan. The same procedure could be adopted, in the context of Shri Desai's inability to come personally to the Investiture and anyone named by him could receive the Bharat Ratna on his behalf. Should this option not be convenient, then the existing practice of sending the medal and the Sanad to him by insured parcel after the Investiture ceremony, can be adopted."

On the subject of the proposal of the Government of Pakistan conferring of Nishan-e-Pakistan at the residence of Shri Desai at Bombay, we are informed by the Ministry of External Affairs that the High Commissioner of Pakistan is in touch with that Ministry and that nothing will be done without consulting and obtaining the concurrence of the Government of India in this matter. You will doubtless be in touch with the Ministry of External Affairs in this matter so as to facilitate the process.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

Gopal Krishna Gandhi
Gopal Krishna Gandhi

Shri A.K. Narayanan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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THE TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY LIMITED

BOMBAY HOUSE, 24, HOMI MODY STREET, FORT

BOMBAY 400 001

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

June 28, 1991

My Dear Prime Minister,

I have just returned from abroad yesterday and hasten to congratulate you on your assuming the office of Prime Minister.

I am sure you will forgive me if I bring to your attention a matter that has been in my mind for some time but in the uncertain political situation I did not feel like writing to your predecessors. I am doing this only because I feel that, in the arduous task that you have now undertaken, a matter like this might escape your attention.

Over 35 years ago, Mr. J. R. D. Tata was given the 'Padma Vibhushan'. I am certain you are aware of the significant contributions he has made to Indian industry, tourism, and particularly civil aviation, for which he has received the most prestigious awards from all over the world. He is now 87 years old and continues to guide the House of Tata but, more than that, he continues to set an example of corporate ethics and behaviour which has been the admiration of all of India for over 50 years.

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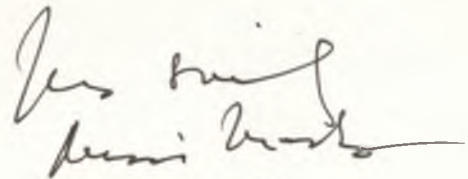
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Would it be very impudent on my part if I were to suggest that, in the waning years of his life, he may be conferred the award of 'Bharat Ratna'? In the eyes of millions of Indians this would be a fitting recognition not only of his altogether unique contributions in the fields of business and industry, but his contribution to the establishment of high moral and ethical standards to which we need so very much to address ourselves in these trying times.

Should you feel otherwise, please do not hesitate to consign this letter to the waste-paper basket.

With kind regards,



(Russi Mody)

Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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Subject:- Regarding conferment of 'Bharat Ratna' on
Late S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash
Chandra Bose.

Shri Pramod Mahajan, M.P. (Rajya Sabha) in his
Special Mention on 7.8.1991 has raised inter alia issue
regarding conferment of 'Bharat Ratna' award on Late
S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. No proposal regarding conferment of 'Bharat Ratna'
to S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra Bose has
been received so far in this Ministry. If any such proposal
is received in this Ministry, it will be forwarded to PM's
Office for all the recommendations for the award of 'Bharat
Ratna' will be made by the Prime Minister himself who is free
to consult any one he chooses. No formal recommendations for
this are necessary. The PMO are, therefore, requested to
check up the position with them as to whether any such proposal
has been received by them and if so their views thereon to
enable this Ministry to send a reply to the Hon'ble Member.

V.P. Bhatia

(V.P. Bhatia)
Under Secretary (Public & Vig.)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Prabhat C. Chaturvedi, Director)
South Block, New Delhi.

M.H.A. U.O.No.9/7/91-Public dated the 3rd September, 1991.

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Ministry's U.C. of even number dated the 3rd September, 1991
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2. It is requested that the information called for
therein may please be intimated to this Ministry at the
earliest, so as to enable this Ministry to send a reply
to Shri Pramod Mahajan, M.P. (Rajya Sabha) in response to
his Special Mention in Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1991.

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(V.P. Bhatia)
Under Secretary (Public & Vig.)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Prabhat C. Chaturvedi, Director),
South Block, New Delhi.

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Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their U.O. No.9/7/91-Public, dated the 18th Sept., 1991 on the subject mentioned above.

2. A copy of the proceedings of Rajya Sabha indicating the Special Mention of Shri Pramod Mahajan, MP on 7th August, 1991 regarding conferment of Bharat Ratna on Late S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra Bose, may be sent at the earliest.

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[Prabhat C Chaturvedi]
Director

Shri VP Bhatia, Under Secretary(Public), M/o Home Affairs
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Prime Minister's Office may please refer to
their U.O. No. 800/5/C/1/91-Pol. dated the 19th September,
1991 on the subject mentioned above.

2. A copy of the proceedings of Rajya Sabha indicating
the Special Mention of Shri Pramod Mahajan, M.P. on
7th August, 1991 regarding conferment of Bharat Ratna
on Late S/Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Subhash Chandra
Bose is enclosed herewith as desired.

V.P. Bhatia
(V.P. Bhatia)
Under Secretary(Public & Vig.)

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RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT

(Legislative Section)

Subject: Mentioning of matters of urgent Public importance

An extract from the Rajya Sabha Debate dated the
7th August, 1991.....containing a matter of Urgent Public Importance
(Special Mention) raised in the House by
Shri. Pramod Mahajan, M.P.
.....is enclosed,
with the request that the same may kindly be placed before the Minister of
Home Affairs.....
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The reply to the Member concerned on his/her Special Mention may kindly be sent direct to him/her (and not through this Secretariat) by the Minister, under intimation to this Secretariat.

Mukul Pande

(Mukul Pande)
Legislative Officer
Tel. No. 695727

✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

U.O. No. RS. 4/3/91, dated the 12th August, 1991.

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ON MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD AND NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA
BOSE DURING GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR OF 'QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT'

श्री प्रमोद महाजन [महाराष्ट्र] : उपसभापति महोदया, आज सत्र का अन्तिम दिन है और परसों 9 अगस्त को भारत छोड़ो दिन है। लेकिन इस वर्ष भारत छोड़ो दिन की एक विशेषता है। यह भारत छोड़ो आन्दोलन का स्वर्ण जयंती वर्ष है। हम सभी जानते हैं कि राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस द्वारा छेड़ा गया भारत छोड़ो आन्दोलन हमारे स्वाधीनता आन्दोलन का सब से संघर्षमय सफलतम पर्व था। इसी के कारण अंग्रेजों को अन्तिमतः भारत छोड़ना पड़ा।

मौलाना अबुल कलाम आज़ाद उस समय कांग्रेस के अध्यक्ष थे। महान्मा गांधी द्वारा भारतीय जनता को दिये गये "करो या मरो-हू और हार्द" के इस आदेश के कारण ही उन्होंने अंग्रेजों को भारत छोड़ो का आदेश दिया तथा उसमें सफलता मिली। यह भारत छोड़ो आन्दोलन का स्वर्ण जयंती वर्ष है। हम सब को इस वर्ष को बड़ी धूमधाम से मनाना चाहिये। मुझे इस बात का आनंद है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार की ओर से और वहाँ के स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की ओर से कुछ कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन 9 अगस्त से प्रारम्भ होगा। लेकिन इसके साथ मुझे इस बात का भेद है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से इस स्वर्ण जयंती अवसर की ओर बिल्कुल ध्यान नहीं दिया गया है, न किसी समिति का निर्माण किया है, न कोई कार्यक्रम की योजना की है।

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श्री प्रमोद महाजन [इलाहाबाद] हो सकते हैं कि "विदेशियों की गुलामी", "भारत बाबू", "कम हींदिया" का यह जो आर्थिक बाधक बन रहा है इसमें शायद हम "क्विट हींदिया" को भूल गये हों। इसलिए मैं इस विशेष उत्सव के माध्यम से केन्द्र सरकार से आग्रह करता हूँ कि जब हिंदुस्तान के स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन का यह सबसे स्वर्णिम पर्व था, तड़ाई की दृष्टि से, तो इसके लिए केन्द्र सरकार एक समिति का गठन करे, कुछ विशेष कार्यक्रम ले। मैं जानता हूँ इसके पहले भी डाक तार विभाग की ओर से इस पर टिकट जारी किया/था लेकिन यह स्वर्णिम जयंती अवसर होने के कारण एक विशेष डाक टिकट भी इसके लिए जारी किया जाए।

दूसरा बहुत से स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की पेशान की मांग है जो आज तक ऐसे ही परिलुप्त नहीं हैं। इसलिए इस 9 अगस्त को जो स्वर्णिम जयंती वर्ष है, भारत छोड़ो आंदोलन का, इसमें क्या हम यह निर्णय ले सकते हैं कि इस वर्ष के समाप्त होने के पहले हिंदुस्तान में कोई ऐसा व्यक्ति नहीं रहेगा जिसको इसके प्रति शिकायत हो। उसके साथ साथ जैसे हमने स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन के कार्यक्रम में किया था क्या हम इस भारत छोड़ो आंदोलन को लेकर स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को जिनकी संख्या कम है आयु ज्यादा है, किसी नयी योजना के अंतर्गत अधिक सभ्यता दे सकते हैं? इन सारी चीजों का विचार करके, ऐसा कि मैंने कहा, परसों से ही कार्यक्रम शुरू हो सकता है। इसलिए भारत सरकार तुरंत इस पर विचार करे, यह भारत सरकार से मेरी इस उत्सव के द्वारा मांग है।

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SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, I fully associate with him. I am one of those who took part in the Quit India Movement. I feel that, as Maharashtra Government has done, the Central Government should also organise the same kind of things and awaken the people regarding the integrity and oneness of the country. This type of programmes should be organised so that the people of India would think that we are one people and the country is one. On that line some programmes should be chalked out so that the younger generation and all of us can draw inspiration from that and we shall try to see that India becomes very strong and united.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : मैं एसोसियेट करता हूँ।

उपसभापति: मैं आपको बुलवा दूंगी। एक एक करके होगा। बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है।

SHRI N.K.P.SALVE: Madam, I associate entirely with the very patriotic and very noble demand made by Pramodji. It is heartening to see him take the names of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Gandhiji with such reverence. I congratulate him very much.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: I have all the respect for both these personalities right from the beginning of my life.

SHRI N.K.P.SALVE: I am extremely delighted and I congratulate you.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Madam, I associate myself with him.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र [बिहार]: उपसभापति महोदया, जो अभी माननीय सदस्य ने कहा मैं उसका पूरा समर्थन करता हूँ। इस बार हम लोगों ने इसकी योजना बनाई है। मैं भी फ्रीडम फाइटर हूँ और 1942 के आंदोलन में "क्विट इंडिया मूवमेंट" में मैंने हिस्सा लिया था। बिहार में हम लोगों ने फ्रीडम फाइटर्स एसोसियेशन की ओर से पूरा इसकी योजना बनाई है। जहाँ जहाँ गोली चली, जहाँ जहाँ लोग मारे गये, हर जगह हम लोग उनके लिए एक स्मृति बनाएंगे और हर जगह एक आयोजन करेंगे तथा उनके बाल बच्चों को देखेंगे ... [व्यवधान]

एक बात मैं सिर्फ इसमें जोड़ना चाहूँगा खासकर इसलिए कि यहाँ गृह मंत्री जी भी हैं, कि हमारे पास कुछ आर्मी के लोग आते हैं जिन्होंने रिवोल्ट किया था, 1938 से लेकर 1945 के पहले कई जगह आर्मी रिवोल्ट हुए थे। उन लोगों की हालत बहुत खराब है। अंग्रेजों ने तो उनको निकाल दिया कोर्ट मार्शल करके। उन्होंने हम लोगों के ही कहने पर रिवोल्ट किया था। इसलिए ऐसे जो फ्रीडम फाइटर्स के केसेज हैं, जैसा कि उन्होंने कहा कि बाकी सबको किया जाए, मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि उसके साथ इनको भी दी जाए। यह तो नहीं है कि बार बार फ्रीडम फाइटर्स जन्म लेंगे। जिन्होंने जन्म लिया था उन्हीं का होगा। इसलिए टाइम बाउंड करके ऐसे केसेज खत्म कर लिए जाएँ और इनमें अंग्रेजों की फौज में जिन्होंने रिवोल्ट किया था उनको शामिल करके उनको तुरंत रिलीफ दिया जाए।

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare. Yes, I called your name.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Madam, I fully associate with him. I am brief with my words.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Very good.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा [बिहार]: उपसभापति महोदया, हमारे साथी श्री प्रमोद महाजन जी ने जो स्पेशल मेशन किया है उसके साथ मैं एसोसियेट करती हूँ और एसोसियेट करते हुए इतना कहना चाहती हूँ कि भारत के स्वतंत्रता के संग्राम का जो हमारा इतिहास है, लगभग सौ साल पुराना इतिहास है अगर उसको हम भुला देंगे, अगर हम अपने अतीत को भुला देंगे तो हमारा वर्तमान कुछ नहीं रहेगा और हमारा भविष्य भी कुछ नहीं रहेगा।

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श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा §क्रमागत§:...इसलिए, यह बहुत अच्छा प्रस्ताव लाये है और मैं इसका पूर्ण रूप से समर्थन करता हूँ।

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह §बिहार§: महोदया, मैं श्री प्रमोद महाजन जी की बात का पूरा समर्थन करते हुए सिर्फ एक बात आज सरकार से अर्ज करना चाहूंगा कि क्योंकि मौलाना अबुल कलाम आजाद 1942 में जब यह आंदोलन छेड़ा गया था, तो कांग्रेस के अध्यक्ष थे और आजादी की लड़ाई के उस श्रेणी के सारे लोगों को करीब-करीब जो बाद में सरकार में आए, उन लोगों को भारत रत्न दिया गया है, मौलाना आजाद अकेले आदमी इस श्रेणी में बच रहे हैं, जिनको भारत रत्न की उपाधि नहीं दी गई है।

मैं सरकार से गुजारिश करूंगा कि अगर यह स्वर्ण जयंती मनाई जा रही है, तो इस मौके पर मौलाना आजाद को भारत रत्न की उपाधि दी जाए।
SHRI JAGESH DESAI: We all support this.

श्री मोहम्मद अफज़ल उर्फ़ मीम अफज़ल §उत्तर प्रदेश§: मैं इसकी तारीफ़ करता हूँ। ...§व्यवधान§

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: सारा सदन इसका समर्थन करता है। ...§व्यवधान§ मौलाना आजाद को भारत रत्न से सम्मानित किया जाए। ...§व्यवधान§

श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव §महाराष्ट्र§: मैं सरकार से प्रस्ताव करूंगा कि सुभाष चंद्र बोस को भी भारत रत्न दिया जाए, क्योंकि पं० जवाहरलाल नेहरू, सरदार पटेल और मौलाना आजाद के साथ उन्होंने भी बहुत बड़ा योगदान दिया है। मौलाना आजाद और नेता जी सुभाष चंद्र बोस, दोनों को ही भारत रत्न से सुशोभित किया जाए।

श्री राम नरेश यादव §उत्तर प्रदेश§: श्री प्रमोद महाजन जी ने जो प्रस्ताव रखा है, वह बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण है और इस पर गंभीरता से विचार करके जल्दी एक कमेटी बनाई जानी चाहिए। साथ ही साथ मौलाना अबुल कलाम आजाद जैसे विख्यात स्वतंत्रता सेनानी, जिनका देश को बनाने में बड़ा योगदान रहा है, उनको निश्चित रूप से भारत रत्न की उपाधि देने के बारे में सरकार को सोचना चाहिए। इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ जो प्रमोद महाजन जी ने प्रस्ताव रखा है, अपने को उससे सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): At the earliest opportunity the Government should make an announcement conferring Bharat Ratna on the great patriot, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: On behalf of the House I would urge upon you to write to the Prime Minister about what has been stated by the honourable Shri Digvijay Singh regarding conferment of Bharat Ratna on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as the sentiment of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Home Minister is here and I am sure he will convey to the Government the feelings of the House regarding the Quit India Movement and giving Bharat Ratna to Maulana Azad and also to Subhas Chandra Bose.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: I am sure the Home Minister will do it. But on behalf of the House we urge upon you, we implore you, to convey our sentiments to the Prime Minister yourself and that would be in the fitness of things. I hope you will oblige the whole House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Considering the sentiments of the House I agree to write a letter on behalf of the House.

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Note for the Committee of Secretaries regarding
formulation of guidelines for posthumous conferment of
"BHARAT RATNA"

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The Prime Minister's Office in their U.O. No. 800/05/C/1/91-POL. dated 1st October, 1991 have pointed out that demands for posthumous conferment of "Bharat Ratna" to eminent Indian personalities are received from time to time. The number of such Indians on whose behalf such claims could be agitated is legion. However, we do not have any guidelines or clear-cut policy regarding posthumous conferment of Bharat Ratna. The Prime Minister has desired that a clear-cut policy/guidelines in this matter should be formulated.

2. The "Bharat Ratna", the highest civilian award, was instituted in 1954. As per the notification governing the award of Bharat Ratna "the decoration shall be awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order" vide rule 5 of the notification (copy enclosed-Annexure I). Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award. The decoration may be awarded posthumously (Rule 7).

3. As per existing instructions the recommendation for the award of Bharat Ratna will be made by the Prime Minister himself who will be free to consult any one he chooses. No formal recommendation for this is necessary. A copy of the communication No. 39/26/53-Pub dated 24.2.1954 sent to various States in this regard is enclosed(Annexure II).

4. So far Bharat Ratna has been conferred on 26 persons. A list of the recipients of the Bharat Ratna so far, along with the year of the award is enclosed(Annexure III). Out of these, 7 have been

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conferred the award posthumously. These are -

	<u>Year of conferment of award</u>	<u>Year of death</u>
(1) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	1966	1966
(2) Shri K. Kamraj	1976	1975
(3) Acharya Vinoba Bhave	1983	1982
(4) Shri M.G. Ramachandran	1988	1987
(5) Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar	1990	1956
(6) Shri Rajiv Gandhi	1991	1991
(7) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	1991	1950

It will be apparent from the above that excepting in the case of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the award has been given immediately after the death of the recipients. Only in the case of Dr. Ambedkar a departure was made for the first time and the award was given in 1990, i.e. 34 years after his death. In the case of Sardar Patel the award has been conferred in 1991, i.e. 41 years after his death.

5. The rules as they stand at present do not envisage any time limit in conferring award posthumously.

6. We have now received suggestions for conferment of Bharat Ratna on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad who died in 1945 and 1958 respectively.

7. The Committee of Secretaries may consider the suggestion for framing clear guidelines regarding the conferment of "BHARAT RATNA" posthumously.

(Signature)
14/4/91
(MADHAV GODBOLE)
HOME SECRETARY

STATUTES AND RULES RELATING TO THE AWARDS OF BHARAT RATNA,
PADMA VIBHUSHAN, PADMA BHUSHAN AND PADMA SHRI.

The following is a reprint of Notification Nos. 1-Pres./55, 2-Pres/55, 3-Pres/55 and 4-Pres/55, dated 8th January, 1955, as amended upto 1st January, 1969.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE
PRESIDENT.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8th January, 1955.

No. 1-Pres./55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration BHARAT RATNA in supersession of those published in Notification No. 1-Pres./54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be in the form of a Peepul leaf, two and five-sixteenth inches in length, one and seven-eighth inches at its greatest breadth and one-eighth of an inch in thickness. It shall be of toned bronze. On its obverse shall be embossed a replica of the Sun five-eighths of an inch in diameter with rays spreading out from five-sixteenths of an inch to half an inch from the centre of the Sun, below which shall be embossed the words BHARAT RATNA in Hindi. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi. The Emblem (but not the motto), the Sun and the rim shall be of platinum. The inscriptions shall be of @burnished bronze.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn round the neck by a white riband %one and a half inches in width.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

*9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the BHARAT RATNA, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

11. All persons upon whom the decoration BHARAT RATNA was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 1-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these Regulations, be deemed to be persons on whom the decoration BHARAT RATNA has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE
BHARAT RATNA

Obverse



Reverse



@Inserted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 6-Pres/57, dated 26th January, 1957.

% Substituted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 10-Pres/56, dated 20th February, 1956

* Inserted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 27-Pres/56, dated 10th September, 1956.

No. 2-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration **PADMA VIBHUSHAN** in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knob shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word **PADMA** placed above and the word **VIBHUSHAN** placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. @The inscription **PADMA VIBHUSHAN** on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of white gold.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a plain lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

*9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the **PADMA VIBHUSHAN**, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

11. All persons upon whom the decoration of **PADMA VIBHUSHAN** (**PAHELA VARG**) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of **PADMA VIBHUSHAN** has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE

Obverse

Reverse

PADMA VIBHUSHAN



@Substituted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 7-Pres/57, dated 26th January, 1957.

* Inserted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 26-Pres/55, dated 30th August, 1955.

No. 3-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA BHUSHAN in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knob shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word BHUSHAN placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. @The inscription PADMA BHUSHAN on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of standard gold.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a plain lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width, with a broad white stripe in the middle; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for distinguished service of a high order in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients of the award shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

*9 The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA BHUSHAN, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (DUSRA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA BHUSHAN has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE

Obverse

Reverse

PADMA BHUSHAN



@Substituted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 8-Pres/57, dated 26th January, 1957.

* Inserted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 27-Pres/55, dated 30th August, 1955.

No. 4-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration **PADMA SHRI** in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knot shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern towards the rim. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word **PADMA** placed above and the word **SHRI** placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. @The inscription **PADMA SHRI** on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of stainless steel.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width with two narrow white stripes each a quarter inch distant from the edges of the riband; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

*9. The miniature, of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the **PADMA SHRI** and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

11. All persons upon whom the decoration of **PADMA VIBHUSHAN (TISRA VARG)** was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of **PADMA SHRI** has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE **PADMA SHRI**

Obverse



Reverse



@Substituted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 9-Pres/57, dated 26th January, 1957.

* Inserted vide President's Sectt. notification No. 28-Pres/55, dated 30th August, 1955.

From

Sardar Fateh Singh,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All States Parts A, B, C and D.

New Delhi-2, the 24th February, 1954.

Subject:- Institution of awards "Bharat Ratna"
and "Padma Vibhushan".

Sir,

I am directed to enclose for the information and guidance of the State Government, a copy each of the notifications of the President's Secretariat No. 1-Press/54 and No.2-Pres/54 dated the 2nd January 1954, regarding the Institution of the awards "Bharat Ratna" and "Padma Vibhushan". These awards are not to be regarded as titles in terms of Article 18(1) of the Constitution.

2. The regulations published in the notifications referred to in para. 1 above fully explain the features of the two orders:

(i) BHARAT RATNA.

The decoration will be in the form of a gold medal designated "Bharat Ratna". This will be the highest civilian award corresponding to the "Order of Merit". It will be awarded for exceptional services towards the advancement of art, literature and science and in recognition of public service of the highest order. To ensure that this award is not made cheap, the number of annual awards will be restricted to a maximum of three in any particular year. It is also not necessary that there should be an award every year but, at the same time, there need not be any strict final limit.

The recommendations for the award of "Bharat Ratna" will be made by the Prime Minister himself who will be free to consult any one he chooses. No formal recommendations for this are necessary.

(ii) PADMA VIBHUSHAN (Order of the Lotus).

This decoration will also be in the form of a medal and styled and designated "Padma Vibhushan". It will be awarded for distinguished public service in any field including service rendered by Government servants. It will be in three classes, namely, "Pahela Varg", "Dusra Varg" and "Tisra Varg" for which the Medals will be in gold, silver and bronze respectively. It is essentially a civil order and it can be given to any person including Government servants. The intention, however, is to keep the list as small as possible so as not to cheapen the award. The award is to be given for special services and not merely for long service. It is desirable that, even in the initial stage, the awards should be not only to Government servants but others. These others can be persons who are conspicuous for doing good in the nature of social service or developmental work, eminent scientists, doctors, engineers, social service workers, persons who have done particularly well in the community projects and the like.

The procedure for the submission of recommendations for this award will be similar to that followed in the case of the "Ashoka Chakra", viz., the State Governments and the Central Ministries will forward their recommendations (supported by

citations/-

(122) citations giving full reasons) to the Home Ministry, who will take steps to place them for consideration before a Committee of advisers, whose Chairman will be the Home Minister, before submission to the Prime Minister and the President.

3. It has been decided that the awards of "Bharat Ratna" and "Padma Vibhushan" (all the three Vargs) should be made only once a year on the Republic Day. The recommendations of the State Governments in respect of "Padma Vibhushan" should, reach the Home Ministry before the 1st of October every year for necessary action.

Since, however, the awards were instituted only early in January this year and there was consequently no time for making the awards on the Republic Day, (26th January) 1954 it has been decided that there should be an extra award of "Padma Vibhushan" (all the three Vargs) on the Independence Day (15th August 1954) also this year. The State Governments are, therefore, requested to submit their recommendations for this particular award so as to reach the Government of India by the 1st of June 1954 at the latest. Their normal recommendations for the awards to be made on the Republic Day next year can then, in the usual course, be submitted before the 1st of October, 1954.

Yours faithfully,

(Fateh Singh)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No.39/26/53-Public. New Delhi-2, the 24th February, 1954.

Copy to all Ministries of the Government of India, including the Ministry of Finance (Defence), (Revenue) and I and C Divisions; Department of Economic Affairs; Department of Parliamentary Affairs; Cabinet Secretariat; Prime Minister's Secretariat; Parliament Secretariat; Partition Secretariat, Director, Intelligence Bureau; Director of Co-ordination (Police Wireless); Director, Secretariat Training School; Commandant, Central Police Training College, Mount Abu; Inspector General, Special Police Establishment; Principal, I.A.S. Training School; Union Public Service Commission; Military Secretary to the President; Secretary to the President; Establishment Officer to the Government of India; Comptroller and Auditor General; Supreme Court; Election Commission; Planning Commission; Council of States Secretariat; and Backward Classes Commission, for information and necessary action.

B. N. Singh

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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ANNEXURE III
LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS OF BHARAT RATNA
(1954 - 1991):

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Sl. No.	Name	Year in which awarded
1.	Dr. B. Radhakrishnan	1954
2.	Shri C. Rajagopalachari	1954
3.	Dr. C.V. Raman	1954
4.	Dr. Bhagwan Das	1955
5.	Dr. M. Visvesvaraya	1955
6.	Shri Jawaharlal Nehru	1955
7.	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant	1957
8.	Dr. Dhonde Keshav Karve	1958
9.	Dr. B.C. Roy	1961
10.	Shri Purushottam Das Tandon	1961
11.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	1962
12.	Dr. Zakir Husain	1963
13.	Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane	1963
14.	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (Posthumous)	1966
15.	Shrimati Indira Gandhi	1971
16.	Shri V.V. Giri	1975
17.	Shri K. Kamraj (Posthumous)	1976
18.	Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu	1980
19.	Acharya Viboba Bhave (Posthumous)	1983
20.	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	1987
21.	Late Shri M.G. Ramachandran (Posthumous)	1988
22.	Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (Posthumous)	1990 →
23.	Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela	1990
24.	Shri Morarji Ranchhodji Desai	1991
25.	Shri Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	1991
26.	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (Posthumous)	1991 →